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October 1980

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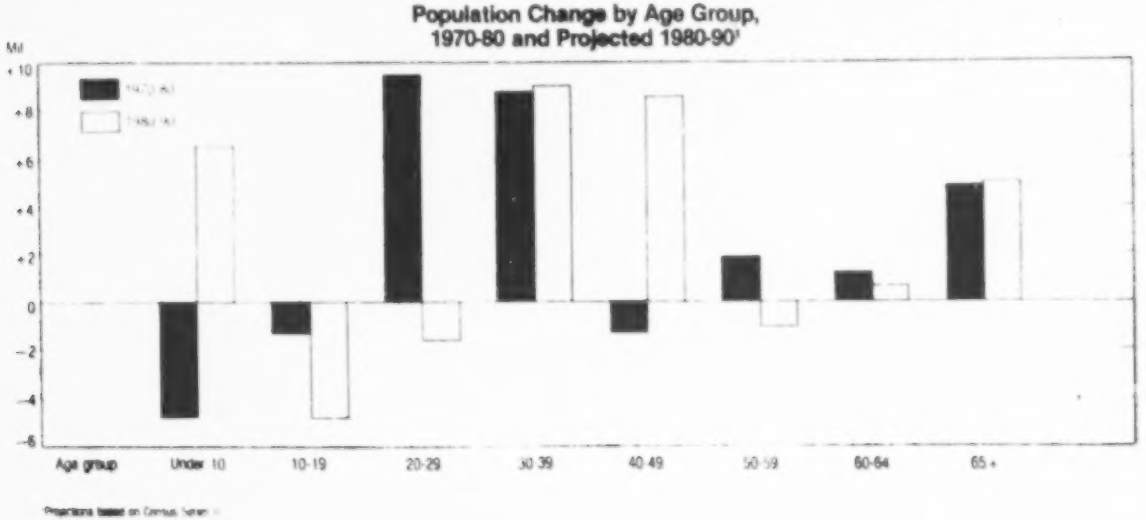

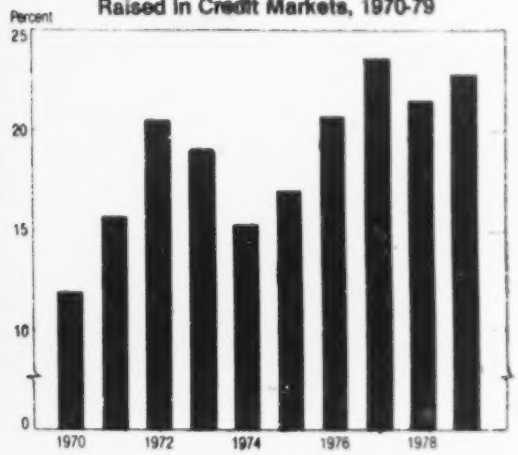

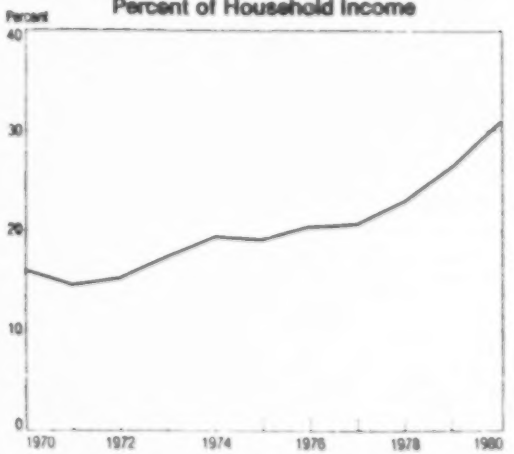

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ESTIMATES OF LABOR FORCE DATA [1]

(Job Seekers and Job Holders - by Residence)

October 1980

	Preliminary	Revised		Change From:	
	Oct 1980	Sep 1980	Oct 1979	Sep 1980	Oct 1979
NEBRASKA					
Civilian labor force	768,000	765,600	764,150	2,400	3,850
Employment	738,900	738,150	741,450	750	-2,550
Unemployment	29,100	27,450	22,700	1,650	6,400
Unemployment rate 2/	3.8	3.6	3.0	xxx	xxx
OMAHA SMSA 3/					
Civilian labor force	278,600	277,350	277,650	1,250	950
Employment	264,900	264,400	266,350	500	-1,450
Unemployment	13,700	12,950	11,300	750	2,400
Unemployment rate 2/	4.9	4.7	4.1	xxx	xxx
LINCOLN SMSA 4/					
Civilian labor force	110,550	111,600	110,300	-1,050	250
Employment	107,100	108,150	107,400	-1,050	- 300
Unemployment	3,450	3,450	2,900	0	550
Unemployment rate 2/	3.1	3.1	2.6	xxx	xxx

1/ Estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark, and all months are comparable. Totals are rounded to the nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding.

2/ Ratios of unemployment to civilian labor force, based upon unrounded data.

3/ Douglas and Sarpy Counties in Nebraska and Pottawattamie County in Iowa are considered a single unit of residence for the SMSA concept only. The Nebraska portion of the labor force, estimated at 238,100 is included in the Nebraska total, but the Iowa portion, estimated at 40,500 is excluded from the Nebraska total.

4/ Defined as Lancaster County.

UNEMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Nebraska's unemployment increased by 1,650 from September 1980 to October 1980, reaching a new total of 29,100. The October 1980 total was 6,400 more than in October 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 3.6 percent in September 1980 to 3.8 percent in October 1980, and compared to 3.0 percent in October 1979.

Unemployment totals for the Omaha SMSA increased by 750 from September 1980 to October 1980, and also increased by 2,400 from October 1979. The unemployment rate increased from 4.7 percent in September 1980 to 4.9 percent in October 1980, and compared to 4.1 percent in October 1979.

Unemployment in the Lincoln SMSA did not change from September 1980 to October 1980, but increased by 550 from October 1979. The unemployment rate remained the same in October 1980 that it had been in September 1980(3.1 percent), and compared to 2.6 percent in October 1979.

Nebraska's labor force is projected to decrease by 7,350 from October 1980 to November 1980, reaching a new total of 760,650. The unemployment segment is projected as 32,000, while the employment segment is projected as 782,650.

ESTIMATES OF NEBRASKA NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT DATA [1/] [2/]

Job Count - Workers by Industry

INDUSTRY	Oct 1980 [3/]	Sep 1980 [4/]	Oct 1979 [4/]	Change From Sep 1980	Change From Oct 1979	Percent Change From Oct 1979
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE & SALARY	630,600	631,650	632,850	-1,050	-2,250	-0.4
MANUFACTURING	96,500	94,550	100,750	1,950	-4,250	-4.2
Durable goods	48,750	48,050	53,750	700	-5,000	-9.2
Construction material	4,900	4,850	5,550	50	- 650	-12.0
Lumber & wood products, except furniture	2,300	2,250	2,400	50	- 100	-4.6
Stone, clay, glass & concrete products	2,600	2,600	3,150	0	- 550	-17.7
Furniture & fixtures	1,550	1,650	1,800	- 100	- 250	-12.1
Metals	8,900	8,800	9,950	100	-1,050	-10.7
Primary metal industries	1,850	1,850	1,900	0	- 50	-4.1
Fabricated metal products, except mach. & trans. equip.	7,050	6,950	8,050	100	-1,000	-12.3
Machinery except electrical	13,200	12,700	14,350	500	-1,150	-7.8
Farm machinery & equipment	8,050	7,600	8,500	450	- 450	-5.2
Electrical & electronic machinery, equipment & supplies	9,450	9,350	10,850	100	-1,400	-13.2
Transportation equipment	5,200	5,150	5,800	50	- 600	-10.4
Motor vehicles & motor vehicle equipment	2,400	2,400	3,050	0	- 650	-21.6
Other durable goods (including instruments; toys & sporting goods; costume jewelry & notions; etc.)	5,550	5,550	5,450	0	100	2.5
Nondurable goods	47,750	46,500	47,000	1,250	750	1.6
Food & kindred products	28,850	27,900	27,800	950	1,050	3.7
Meat products	14,300	14,150	13,150	150	1,150	8.8
Dairy products	1,900	1,900	1,950	0	- 50	-3.3
Grain mill	4,550	4,700	4,700	- 150	- 150	-3.3
Other food products (including canned & preserved products; bakery prod.; sugar & confect. prod; beverages; etc.	8,100	7,150	8,000	950	100	1.2
Textile products & apparel	2,200	2,150	2,300	50	- 100	-4.6
Printing, publishing & allied industries	7,650	7,600	7,550	50	100	1.1
Chemicals & allied products	2,750	2,650	2,500	100	250	9.6
Other nondurable goods (including rubber & miscellaneous plastics; paper & allied products; etc.)	6,300	6,200	6,850	100	- 550	-7.4
NONMANUFACTURING	534,100	537,100	532,100	-3,000	2,000	0.4
MINING	1,550	1,500	1,750	50	- 200	-13.9
CONSTRUCTION	34,350	34,450	35,800	- 100	-1,450	-4.0
Building const. - gen. contractors & operative builders	9,700	9,750	10,200	- 50	- 500	-4.8
Construction other than bldg. const. - gen. contractors	8,700	8,900	9,350	- 200	- 650	-7.3
Construction - special trade contractors	15,950	15,800	16,250	150	- 300	-1.6
TRANSPORTATION,COMMUNICATIONS,ELECTRIC,GAS, & SANITARY SERVICES	46,200	46,300	47,150	- 100	- 950	-2.0
Railroad transportation	14,850	14,850	15,650	0	- 800	-5.2
Other transportation (including buses & taxicabs; motor freight transportation & warehousing; etc.)	14,750	14,850	15,000	- 100	- 250	-1.7
Communication & electric, gas & sanitary services	16,600	16,600	16,500	0	100	0.7

TRADE	165,700	165,100	165,600	600	100	0.1
Wholesale	47,900	47,750	47,550	150	350	0.8
Durable goods	24,300	24,250	24,850	50	- 550	-2.0
Nondurable goods	23,600	23,500	22,700	100	900	3.8
Retail	117,800	117,350	118,050	450	- 250	-0.2
Bldg. mat.,hardware,garden supply & mobile home dealers	6,000	6,000	5,900	0	100	1.5
General merchandise stores	15,150	14,900	16,250	250	-1,100	-6.7
Food stores	15,800	15,850	15,550	- 50	250	1.6
Automotive dealers & gasoline service stations	16,450	16,500	17,050	- 50	- 600	-3.3
Apparel & accessory stores	6,050	5,950	6,250	100	- 200	-3.8
Furniture, home furnishings & equipment stores	4,250	4,250	4,200	0	50	1.0
Eating & drinking places	42,700	42,600	40,900	100	1,800	4.5
Miscellaneous retail	11,400	11,300	11,950	100	- 550	-4.8
Drug stores & proprietary stores	3,400	3,350	3,550	50	- 150	-4.5
Other miscellaneous retail (including liquor stores; sporting goods stores; jewelry; florists; etc.)	8,000	7,950	8,400	50	- 400	-5.0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	42,750	42,550	41,250	200	1,500	3.7
Banking	10,650	10,600	10,400	50	250	2.9
Insurance	20,550	20,450	19,950	100	600	3.0
Real estate	4,900	4,950	4,650	- 50	250	5.7
Other finance, ins., & real estate(includ. credit agencies other than banks;security & commodity exch. & svcs.;etc.)	6,650	6,550	6,250	100	400	5.8
SERVICES EXCEPT DOMESTIC	120,250	120,600	116,800	- 350	3,450	2.9
Hotels, rooming houses, camps & other lodging places	7,150	7,350	7,700	- 200	- 550	-7.2
Personal services	6,100	6,050	6,050	50	50	0.5
Business services	18,300	18,350	18,100	- 50	200	1.2
Automotive repair, services, & garages	4,050	4,050	4,050	0	0	0.1
Amusement & recreation	7,100	7,950	6,600	- 850	500	7.3
Health services	42,450	42,250	40,050	200	2,400	6.0
Educational services	8,300	7,950	8,450	350	- 150	-1.7
Social services	6,000	5,800	5,950	200	50	0.5
Membership services	8,500	8,350	8,700	150	- 200	-2.1
Other services(including legal & other professional services; misc. repair services; agricultural services; etc.)	12,300	12,500	11,150	- 200	1,150	10.2
GOVERNMENT	123,300	126,600	123,750	-3,300	- 450	-0.4
Federal	15,950	16,200	15,700	- 250	250	1.8
State	32,150	35,400	32,300	-3,250	- 150	-0.6
Local	75,200	75,000	75,750	200	- 550	-0.7

1/ Rounded to nearest 50, and subtotals may not add to totals due to rounding. Percent of change based on unrounded data.
2/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
3/ Preliminary estimate.
4/ Revised.

NOTE: These estimates are based on the March 1979 benchmark. All months are comparable.

OCTOBER 1980 IN REVIEW . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries decreased by 1,050 from September 1980 to October 1980. This included a gain of 1,950 in manufacturing which was more than counterbalanced by a drop of 3,000 in nonmanufacturing.

The gain of 1,950 in manufacturing included a rise of 700 in durable goods and an increase of 1,250 in nondurable goods. The largest gain in durable goods was in farm machinery and equipment (450). The primary increase in nondurable goods occurred in food processing (950).

Month-to-month increases took place in trade (600), and in finance-insurance-real estate (200). The increase of 600 in trade included a small gain of 150 in wholesale along with an increase of 450 in retail. Over one-half of the increase in retail trade occurred in general merchandise stores (250), reflecting customary seasonal hiring trends.

From September 1980 to October 1980, losses were registered in construction/mining (-50), transportation-communication-utilities (-100), services (-350), and government (-3,300). The largest decline in services occurred in amusement and recreation (-850). The primary reduction in government employment occurred in state government (-3,250), reflecting customary seasonal trends in educational services.

ANNUAL CHANGES . . . . . .

Employment in Nebraska's nonagricultural industries dropped by 2,250 from October 1979 to October 1980. This included a decline of 4,250 in manufacturing, which more than offset a gain of 2,000 in nonmanufacturing.

The decline of 4,250 in manufacturing included a decrease of 5,000 in durable goods along with a rise of 750 in nondurable goods. The decrease of 5,000 in durable goods was concentrated in three components of manufacturing: metals (-1,050), machinery except electrical (-1,150), and electrical and electronic machinery, equipment and supplies (-1,400). The major gain in nondurable goods was in food processing (1,050, led by a rise in meat products of 1,150).

Year-to-year increases were registered in trade (100), finance-insurance-real estate (1,500), and services (3,450). The increase of 100 in trade included a gain of 350 in wholesale trade, along with a drop of 250 in retail trade. The largest loss in retail trade was in general merchandise stores (-1,100). The majority of the increase in services occurred in health services (2,400).

Year-to-year losses occurred in construction/mining (-1,650), transportation-communication-utilities (-950), and government (-450), led by a drop in local government of 550).

OUTLOOK. . . . . .

Employment activity in December 1980 is projected to show a moderate rise in trade, reflecting the customary seasonal trend of increased hiring for the holiday buying season. During the same period, substantial employment reductions are expected for construction/mining and agriculture, following customary seasonal trends. A small dip is anticipated in transportation-communication-utilities. Employment levels are expected to remain relatively unchanged for manufacturing, finance-insurance-real estate, service and government.

WORKER SUPPLY AND EMPLOYER DEMAND - APPLICANTS AND NONAGRICULTURAL OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1]

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		Available FY to date [2]	Active File	Received FY to Date [2]	Unfilled		Applicants/ Openings FY to date	Active File/ Unfilled Openings End-of-mo.	Unfilled Openings 30 days + % of total
					Total	30 days or more			
TOTAL [3]		42,549	30,280	6,090	4,768	3,392	6.99	6.35	71.1
0 - 1	Professional, technical and managerial	5,032	3,747	369	1,582	1,324	13.64	2.37	83.7
2	Clerical and sales	11,227	7,997	1,199	1,768	1,326	9.36	4.52	75.0
	Entry codes [4]	2,077	1,429	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	20-24 Clerical	7,104	5,117	903	1,496	1,188	7.87	3.42	79.4
	25-29 Sales	2,046	1,451	296	272	138	6.91	5.33	50.7
3	Service	7,241	5,302	1,027	520	237	7.05	10.20	45.6
	Entry codes [4]	1,000	722	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	30 Domestic	438	329	125	29	12	3.50	11.34	41.4
	31-39 Other	5,803	4,251	902	491	225	6.43	8.66	45.8
4	Farm, forestry, fisheries	1,461	703	370	28	17	3.95	25.11	60.7
5	Processing	1,024	742	250	17	10	4.10	43.65	58.8
6	Machine trades	2,304	1,702	198	115	50	11.64	14.80	43.5
7	Bench work	2,369	1,772	166	80	43	14.27	22.15	53.8
8	Structural work	5,122	3,404	972	275	91	5.27	12.38	33.1
9	Miscellaneous	6,381	4,579	1,539	151	62	4.15	30.32	41.1
	Entry codes [4]	1,152	795	-----	-----	-----	----	----	----
	90-91 Motor freight transportation	2,250	1,607	481	50	14	4.68	32.14	28.0
	92 Packaging, materials handling	2,740	2,015	1,002	71	31	2.73	28.38	43.7
	93-97 Other [5]	239	162	56	30	17	4.27	5.40	56.7

1/ Source of data: ESARS (Employment Security Automated Reporting System).

2/ Period covered: 10-1-80 through 10-31-80. FY 1981 defined as 10-1-80 through 9-30-81.

3/ Total includes occupational codes not assigned.

4/ Applicants for whom a complete occupational code cannot be assigned because of lack of training/experience.

5/ Includes mining, logging, utilities, miscellaneous amusement and recreation, graphic art work.

JOB OPENINGS IN NEBRASKA JOB SERVICE OFFICES [1/]

By Occupation

October 1980

OCCUPATIONAL CATEGORY	OPENINGS AVAILABLE				OPENINGS UNFILLED AT MONTH END			
	NUMBER		AVERAGE PAY		TOTAL		UNFILLED 30 DAYS OR MORE	
	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH	CURRENT	LAST MONTH
TOTAL, ALL OCCUPATIONS	5,009	3,688	$8,939/yr	$8,850/yr	2,149	2,407	1,262	1,316
Professional, technical, and managerial	778	679	11,059/yr	11,123/yr	571	591	357	381
Clerical and sales	1,502	1,171	7,790/yr	7,720/yr	829	891	578	553
Service	722	546	3.46/hr	3.51/hr	278	300	131	149
Farming, fishery, forestry, and related	58	68	3.69/hr	3.72/hr	9	23	5	8
Processing	253	113	4.94/hr	4.72/hr	15	30	9	3
Machine trades	286	183	5.25/hr	4.99/hr	98	135	47	51
Bench work	212	160	3.57/hr	3.74/hr	84	88	43	39
Structural work	742	477	4.70/hr	4.56/hr	181	244	62	103
Miscellaneous	456	291	4.49/hr	4.45/hr	84	105	30	29

1/ Source of data: Job Bank data from Nebraska Job Service offices.

ESTIMATES OF HOURS AND EARNINGS IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

October 1980

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Oct 1980 [2]	Sep 1980 [3]	Oct 1979 [3]	Oct 1980 [2]	Sep 1980 [3]	Oct 1979 [3]	Oct 1980 [2]	Sep 1980 [3]	Oct 1979 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	$310.49	$312.07	$277.95	40.8	40.9	41.3	$7.61	$7.63	$6.73
Durable goods	307.22	306.20	281.57	40.8	41.1	41.9	7.53	7.45	6.72
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	275.62	269.23	238.05	42.6	42.6	41.4	6.47	6.32	5.75
Primary and fabricated metals	310.06	310.47	274.29	39.7	39.5	41.0	7.81	7.86	6.69
Machinery and transportation equipment	334.53	336.49	309.83	41.3	41.8	42.5	8.10	8.05	7.29
Nondurable goods	313.75	317.09	274.32	40.8	40.6	40.7	7.69	7.81	6.74
Food and kindred products	343.86	345.28	297.77	42.4	41.6	41.3	8.11	8.30	7.21
Meat products	367.98	374.83	335.02	41.3	41.1	42.3	8.91	9.12	7.92
Dairy products	205.35	215.27	202.61	35.9	37.7	37.8	5.72	5.71	5.36
Grain mill products	454.75	421.63	354.16	51.5	48.8	46.6	8.83	8.64	7.60
Bakery products	264.12	250.18	232.21	35.5	33.9	34.3	7.44	7.38	6.77
Other food and kindred products	249.00	239.73	203.50	41.5	39.3	36.8	6.00	6.10	5.53
Printing and publishing	251.30	272.58	248.58	35.9	38.5	39.9	7.00	7.08	6.23
Chemicals and allied products	323.37	329.96	285.29	45.1	45.2	42.9	7.17	7.30	6.65

1/ Source of data: Current Employment Statistics Program.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.

Average weekly earnings in Nebraska manufacturing declined by $1.58 from September 1980 to October 1980. This included a gain of $1.02 in durable goods that was more than counterbalanced by a loss of $3.34 in nondurable goods. Year-to-year, average weekly earnings increased by $32.54, including a rise of $25.65 in durable goods and a gain of $39.43 in nondurable goods.

Average weekly hours dropped by 0.1 hours month-to-month, and also declined by 0.3 hours year-to-year.

Average hourly earnings showed a very small dip of $.02 from September 1980 to October 1980, but increased by $.88 from October 1979 to October 1980.

ESTIMATES OF ACCESSION AND SEPARATION RATES IN NEBRASKA MANUFACTURING [1]

(Per 1,000 workers)

September 1980

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sep 1980 [2]	Aug 1980 [3]	Sep 1979 [3]	Sep 1980 [2]	Aug 1980 [3]	Sep 1979 [3]	Sep 1980 [2]	Aug 1980 [3]	Sep 1979 [3]	Sep 1980 [2]	Aug 1980 [3]	Sep 1979 [3]	Sep 1980 [2]	Aug 1980 [3]	Sep 1979 [3]
MANUFACTURING - TOTAL	38	35	47	28	24	43	33	45	42	19	30	32	8	9	3
Durable goods	39	35	51	28	21	47	36	47	40	20	28	32	11	13	4/
Lumber, stone, clay, glass products	62	56	80	54	50	78	51	83	71	38	54	60	8	23	2
Furniture and fixtures	15	40	43	14	39	41	22	35	35	13	25	29	8	6	4/
Primary and fabricated metals	42	32	58	16	13	50	34	57	3	17	23	29	13	26	4/
Machinery and transportation equipment	30	26	40	23	10	37	31	35	34	13	20	26	14	10	4/
Other durable goods	63	61	71	54	55	66	52	65	50	44	51	43	4/	5	1
Nondurable goods	37	35	42	27	28	39	29	41	44	19	32	32	4	4	6
Food and kindred products	34	35	39	30	31	36	31	44	38	20	37	30	3	2	3
Meat products	34	35	41	33	33	38	24	43	27	17	36	24	1	2	1
Dairy products	25	26	21	25	26	21	26	29	29	23	29	21	4/	4/	3
Grain mill products	19	26	23	14	14	21	31	35	36	9	28	27	5	2	3
Bakery products	31	46	49	24	35	47	44	74	63	31	62	44	5	3	13
Other food and kindred products	52	47	56	47	45	49	48	55	68	33	48	52	7	1	9
Textiles and apparel	55	44	64	48	36	60	55	64	46	52	52	38	1	8	2
Paper and allied products	29	49	30	28	23	28	22	39	46	18	19	26	4/	17	1
Printing and publishing	36	34	53	21	32	50	29	37	52	20	27	43	7	5	4
Chemicals and allied products	14	9	24	14	8	20	16	17	23	4	9	13	8	4/	7
Petroleum, rubber, plastic products and leather	60	40	48	21	8	43	25	40	67	11	15	34	6	15	27

1/ Source of data: Labor Turnover Probram.
NOTE: Accessions other than new hires, and separations other than quits and layoffs are not shown separately, but are included in the appropriate totals.

2/ Preliminary. 3/ Revised. 4/ Less than one-half.

Accessions in Nebraska manufacturing increased from 35 per 1,000 workers in August 1980 to 38 per 1,000 in September 1980. During that period, durable goods increased from 35 per 1,000 to 39 per 1,000, and nondurable goods also rose from 35 per 1,000 to 37 per 1,000. Year-to-year, accessions dropped from 47 per 1,000 to 38 per 1,000. This included a dip from 51 per 1,000 to 39 per 1,000 in durable goods, and also a dip from 42 per 1,000 to 37 per 1,000 in nondurable goods.Separations dropped from 45 per 1,000 in August 1980 to 33 per 1,000 in September 1980. This included a drop in durable goods from 47 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000, and a decline in nondurable goods from 41 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000. Year-to-year, separations declined from 42 per 1,000 to 35 per 1,000, including a drop in durable goods from 40 per 1,000 to 36 per 1,000, and in nondurable goods from 44 per 1,000 to 29 per 1,000. Layoffs decreased month-to-month from 9 per 1,000 to 8 per 1,000, but increased year-to-year from 3 per 1,000 to 8 per 1,000.

SELECTED UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

October 1980

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (STATE UI)	October 1980	September 1980	October 1979
CLAIMS RECEIVED - AREA CLAIMS CENTERS			
Initial claims	6,094	5,294	3,920
Weeks claimed	37,275	44,774	19,040
BENEFIT ACTIVITIES			
Payments from UI funds	$2,858,859	$3,438,785	$1,457,595
Calendar year to date	$38,648,395	$35,789,536	$20,849,651
Average size of weekly payments	$89.33	$89.41	$88.88
First payments	2,428	2,721	1,546
Exhaustions	1,088	1,170	597
Individuals who drew benefits	11,260	12,763	4,138
Rate of insured unemployment	1.5	1.6	0.7
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (UCFE)			
Payments from UCFE funds	$89,558	$97,204	$55,004
Average size of weekly payments	$74.76	$75.06	$78.35
First payments	96	53	66
Exhaustions	29	27	21
UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR EX-SERVICEMEN (UCX)			
Payments from UCX funds	$33,489	$42,682	$14,511
Average size of weekly payments	$87.67	$86.23	$88.48
First payments	25	53	21
Exhaustions	6	7	1
COVERAGE AND CONTRIBUTIONS			
Subject employers - end of month	36,479	36,403	37,009
Contributions received	$2,976,867	$435,302	$2,838,460
FINANCIAL DATA			
End of month fund balance	$80,009,280	$80,333,006	$80,616,653

Extended benefits paid totaled 9,691 weeks for a total of 0.8 million dollars.

UI initial claims received in area claims centers increased from 5,294 in September to 6,094 in October 1980. Weeks claimed decreased from 44,774 in September to 37,275 in October 1980.

UI benefit payments decreased from 3.4 million in September to 2.9 million in October 1980.

The number of insured unemployed decreased from 9,434 in September to 8,692 in October 1980. The rate of insured unemployed decreased from 1.6 percent in September to 1.5 percent in October 1980.

The year-to-date contributions stood at 34.2 million compared to 30.4 million one year ago.

The fund balance stood at 80.0 million compared to 80.6 million one year ago.

NEBRASKA

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED [1/]

October 1980

	Amount	Percent of Total
SEX:		
Male	5,380	55.3
Female	4,355	44.7
RACE/ETHNIC:		
White	8,497	87.3
All other races	1,238	12.7
AGE:		
Under 22	1,231	12.6
22 - 44	6,204	63.7
45 & over	2,300	23.7
WEEKS UNEMPLOYED:		
4 or less	4,148	42.6
5 - 14	4,236	43.5
15 & over	1,351	13.9

	Amount	Percent of Total
OCCUPATION:		
Professional, technical and managerial	1,551	15.9
Clerical and Sales	2,053	21.1
Services	1,004	10.3
Farm and Related	107	1.1
Processing	327	3.4
Machine Trades	748	7.7
Bench Work	923	9.5
Structural Work	1,625	16.7
Miscellaneous	1,386	14.3
INDUSTRY:		
Construction and Mining	1,200	12.3
Manufacturing	3,100	31.8
Durable Goods	1,875	19.3
Nondurable Goods	1,225	12.5
Transportation, Communication and Utilities	390	4.0
Trade (wholesale & retail)	1,945	20.0
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	293	3.0
Services	1,662	17.1
Government	350	3.6
Other	795	8.2

1/ Source of data: Percentages computed from a count of all insured unemployed claimants filing at the Nebraska UI Area Claims Centers for a one-week period including the 19th of the month. The insured claimant count for October was 9,735.

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THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Facts About the Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a statistical measure of change, over time, in the prices of goods and services in major expenditure groups - such as food and beverages, housing, apparel, transportation, medical care, and entertainment - typically purchased by urban consumers. It measures the change in prices by comparing what a sample "market basket" of goods and services cost today with what the same sample market basket cost at an earlier date.

The CPI for All Urban Consumers covers about 80 percent of the total noninstitutional population. It includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups which historically have been excluded from CPI coverage - salaried workers, the self-employed, retirees, and the unemployed.

The CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers covers about 40 percent of the total noninstitutional population.

U.S. CITY AVERAGE

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX, OCTOBER 1980

	ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)			WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)		
		Percent Change From			Percent Change From	
	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago	INDEX 1967=100	1 Month Ago	1 Year Ago
ALL ITEMS	253.9	0.9	12.6	254.1	0.9	12.6
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	255.5	0.5	10.1	256.6	0.6	10.5
Food	262.4	0.5	10.2	263.4	0.6	10.5
Food at home	260.0	0.4	10.5	259.7	0.4	10.6
Cereals & bakery products	253.7	1.4	11.8	254.3	1.3	11.6
Meats, poultry, fish, & eggs	252.6	0.3	9.7	251.8	0.2	9.6
Dairy products	232.7	0.9	9.1	233.1	1.0	8.9
Fruits and vegetables	254.2	-1.2	9.6	252.3	-1.4	9.6
Other foods at home	311.5	0.7	12.1	311.7	0.8	12.7
Food away from home	273.1	0.6	9.4	277.4	0.9	10.4
Alcoholic beverages	190.4	0.4	8.2	192.5	0.4	8.8
HOUSING	271.1	1.3	14.1	271.0	1.3	14.0
Shelter	290.4	1.8	15.5	292.0	1.8	15.7
Rent (residential)	197.1	1.0	8.7	196.8	1.0	8.6
Other rental costs	268.8	0.0	11.3	268.8	0.1	11.4
Homeownership	323.8	2.0	17.0	326.7	2.0	17.4
Fuel and other utilities	287.6	-0.2	13.7	288.0	-0.2	13.7
Fuels	362.8	-0.5	16.9	362.1	-0.5	16.8
Fuel oil, coal, & bottled gas	558.7	-0.5	18.7	559.9	-0.5	18.7
Gas (piped) & electricity	317.1	-0.4	16.4	316.0	-0.4	16.1
Household furnishings & operation	210.1	0.4	8.7	206.8	0.4	7.9
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	183.9	0.9	7.5	182.8	0.8	7.0
Men's & boys' apparel	173.9	1.3	5.9	173.8	1.3	5.7
Women's & girls' apparel	159.7	0.4	2.7	160.3	0.3	3.6
Footwear	196.1	1.5	7.4	195.6	1.2	7.5
TRANSPORTATION	256.1	0.5	15.0	256.6	0.5	14.9
Private transportation	254.5	0.5	14.1	255.5	0.6	14.2
Public transportation	273.6	1.0	30.8	266.5	0.8	28.6
MEDICAL CARE	272.8	0.8	10.9	274.3	0.8	11.0
Medical care services	294.8	0.9	11.1	296.6	0.8	11.2
ENTERTAINMENT	210.9	0.5	9.8	209.2	0.5	9.3
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	221.5	0.4	9.5	219.9	0.4	9.2
ALL ITEMS (1957-59=100)	295.3			295.5		